GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF SOLAR POWER IN THE VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to provide solar power supply immediately in each village of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with progress made in each state as on May 31, 2001;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to complete the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with amount earmarked for each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : The Government is implementing a country wide Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Programme, under which SPV systems like solar lanterns, home lighting systems, street lighting systems, water pumping systems and stand alone village level power plants are being promoted. Such systems have been installed in a large number of villages all over the country. The State-wise number of villages / hamlets, in which at least 50 % of the households have been provided with solar home lighting systems or a power plant has been installed, is given in the Annexure. The Ministry also proposes to undertake a new programme for the electrification of the estimated 18,000 unelectrified villages in remote and difficult areas of the country through locally available renewable energy resources, including solar energy. The programme is likely to be initiated during the current financial year and completed by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan i.e. 2012. State-wise targets and allocation of funds have not yet been worked out.
Annexure

Annexure referred to in the reply of the Unstarred Lok Sabha Question No. 692regarding `Supply of Solar Power in the Villages`for Thursday, 26th July 2001

State - wise Table, showing number of villages / hamlets, in which at least 50 % households have been provided with solar home lighting systems or power plants have been installed

S. No.	State / UT	Nos.
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	50
3	Assam	28
4	Gujarat	14
5	Haryana	6
6	Himachal Pradesh	3
7	Jammu & Kashmir	18
8	Karnataka	2
9	Kerala	134
10	Madhya Pradesh	3
11	Manipur	8
12	Meghalaya	25
13	Mizoram	33
14	Rajasthan	1210
15	Sikkim	4
16	Tripura	30
17	U.P., including Uttaranchal	403
18	West Bengal	437
19	A & N Islands	21
20	Lakshadweep	3
	TOTAL	2,434